



Community Youth Work Quarterly Report Form

Youth Worker(s)	Allan Taylor, Maria Colenso, Bilge Kinas-Clarke
Area	Steyning, Upper Beeding, Bramber and Ashurst
Date	March 2018 – May 2018
Hub Fun Youth Club School years 6 7 & 8 @ The Hub in Upper Beeding Monday 6.00pm and 8.30pm.	Hub Fun continues to run Monday evenings with years 6,7 & 8. We have seen a drop in numbers, as some of the older members are enjoying the groups at Cuthman on Tuesdays. We have recently said goodbye to Jordan one of our lovely volunteers and now again in need to find further support. Our young people enjoy a range of activities from cooking, ball and hall games, arts and crafts. We are also offering a trip to Chessington during May half term.
Cuthman Juniors Youth Club – Tuesday 5:00 to 6:45pm	The Juniors club has continued to see an average of 9 young people attending this last few months with a few new members coming from as far and wide as Worthing. We have been doing a range of activities including teaching how to make candles, made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, turned the youth club into a war zone for a Nerf War and worked on team skills with lots of group games.
Cuthman Seniors Youth Club – Tuesday 7:00 to 9:00pm	After a period last quarter where we were getting very concerned about our number we have seen a return of our core group for this session with a consistent group of around 6-8 young people each session. Normal session revolve around a game of cards, pool, table tennis and group games on the Nintendo Wii which fits well with this

	<p>older group as they just appreciate to communal opportunities to chat with friends and the youth worker. One young person who has attended for several years has really started to come out of her shell this term have good long chats with youth workers about home life, her past times and concerns she has had about eating healthily and anxiety. Last week we also had a good conversation around drugs use and it's impacts on health/mental health.</p>
<p>Cuthman Youth Club – Thursday 7:00 to 9:00pm</p>	<p>Thursday has continued to see a large majority of year 10's and year 11's come along although being open to all age groups. Numbers have been steady other than a couple of weeks during exams, maintaining 25 to 30 young people per session. Alongside our normal programme of football and basketball in the gym, we have also done a lot of arts and craft with several young people enjoying things as simple as 'adult' colouring in. Last week we had what was described as "the best youth club ever" with a DJ workshop with young people learning how to DJ and also having a big group dancing the 'Macarena'. Volunteers have mentioned that the group has seen a real change in attitude in the past months with behavior and conversation being far more respectful and beneficial for the club and the young people themselves.</p>
<p>Stand Together – The Towers Convent School – Monday Lunchtime Wellbeing Club</p>	<p>The recent topics the girls decided to cover have focus on how to build relationships and sexism. We have been continuing an informal educational approach using games, drama sessions and art to get the young people to really think about their understanding and behavior towards these topic areas. One session just before Easter saw almost the whole Year 9 contingent come along however we have consistently average 14 young people per session.</p>
<p>SDS and Steyning Festival</p>	<p>Allan continues to contribute to the SDS steering group on a bi-monthly basis supporting the organisation in youth related matters. Due to the events schedule of SDS over the summer period the planned camp has been postponed</p>

	<p>until next year however Allan has agreed to help out at the Big Picnic. He is also going to working closely with the new 'youth reps' on the board promoting the organisation through social media and bringing more interest from younger generations.</p> <p>Allan will be attending this years Steyning festival to provide detached youth work support on three days during the week when the events are more focused on 'youth'.</p>
<p>Anti-bullying /ASBAG/ Networking</p>	<p>The community youth work team continues to attend meeting across the district including the recent young Horsham district forum where Allan attended. This is an opportunity to meeting other organisations from across the district to get updates on there work and any changes to what's happening in relation to youth services at a statutory level, i.e. HDC and WSCC.</p> <p>Allan also met with Paul Peacock, youth worker for Horsham district to get updates on the Purple Bus and Snack Wagon, which is currently in Ashington for the next two months on a Wednesday evening. It was discussed about the possible return of the snack wagon in Steyning and Bramber post September to reach those young people who don't attend youth clubs and prefer to spend their time out and about.</p> <p>Allan also attended the Steyning and District partnership meeting with Reina Alston and Allan will be looking into entering some 'youth' teams (with parents) into the Wheelbarrow event.</p>
<p>Mentoring</p>	<p>Community youth work has been working closely with Steyning Grammar school and the Youth Emotional Support (YES teams) service with regard to mentoring. He is currently working alongside professionals from these teams to arrange mentoring with 3 young people, one a young carer, another with school attendance issues and the third around anger management.</p>

	<p>Maria is continuing her mentoring role and has recently finished with one young person supporting her with mental health problems, who has now been referred to sussex MIND. She is now setting up a new mentoring relationship with a new 17 year old to work on eating disorders and self-harm.</p>
Trips and Residentials	<p>There are three up and coming trips for the young people in the area. In half term we have organized two trip. We are going to Chessington as a joint trip between Hub Fun and Cuthman Juniors. We are also taking the Cuthman seniors group from Tuesday to Brighton for an afternoon of Pizza and Bowling. In the summer holidays we have made a link with 'The Kayak Coach' who is based in Ashurst to put on an afternoon of kayaking on the river Adur. If this goes down well we will be looking to develop this into an opportunity to gain the level 1 and 2 kayaking course and there are even ideas to plan a kayaking based residential for next year.</p>
Staff Changes	<p>Allan Taylor has now been made permanent as the lead youth worker for the Steyning area with Maria Colenso continuing her role on Mondays. Bilge Kinas-Clarke continues to support youth clubs on Tuesday for 5 hours per week.</p>
Volunteers	<p>We continue with our need to recruit volunteers. With the loss of Jordan from Monday evenings and the increase in numbers on a Thursday we are hoping to get in a couple more volunteers before the summer holidays. In the meantime Dan Fairchild will be covering to ensure we meet staff to child ratios so a big thank you to him! Special mention also goes out to our two regular volunteers, Nick and Alex, without whom the youth clubs wouldn't be the same.</p>
Training	<p>Allan recently attended the Level 3 safeguarding training with SafetyNet in Brighton. This is the highest-level course that can be obtained outside social services and will ensure</p>

	<p>the young people attending the youth activities are safe and secure while in attendance. Also Allan is now trained to in the specific procedures of West Sussex when reporting any safeguarding incident and can take the lead for Community Youth Work when required, offering advice and support to other youth workers if they have concerns about a child or young person.</p>
Social Media	<p>You can follow our regular updates on the following platforms.</p> <p>Facebook – www.facebook.com/cywsouth</p> <p>Instagram: @CYW_South</p> <p>Twitter: @communityYW</p>

